Fairview M. E. Church Taylorsville (vicinity)

1851

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2. Location	J. C.		
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city, town Taylorsville	_X_ vicinity of	congressional district	
state Maryland	county	Carroll	
3. Classification			
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4. Owner of Prope	rty (give names a	and mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
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street & number Liberty Road		telephone no	0.:
city, town Mt. Airy	state	and zip code MD	21771
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Summary: The Fairview M. E. Church is located on the south side of Old Liberty Road in southwest Carroll County, about 1½ miles west of Taylorsville. The church has a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a ridge that runs north-south. There is a projecting central bay on the north elevation. On the roof of the bay is set a small gable-roofed belfry on four corner posts. On the west corner of the north elevation foundation is a date stone that is carved with "Fairview M. E. Church Built 1851." Most of the stones are small and plain, and tend to be placed in even rows, facing west. They generally date from the 1870's to the present.

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West of the church is a one-bay by two-bay, one-story stucco building. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles, a shed roof addition on the south, and a date stone with "1945". East and south of the church is a cemetery. Most of the stones are small and plain, and tend to be placed in even rows, facing west. They generally date from the 1870's to the present.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion, Cultural

Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

The history of Fairview M.E. Church comes primarily from a recent anniversary bulletin. The land, originally part of a tract called Leigh Castle, was purchased from a white man known as "Shoemaker" and the cornerstone laid on 2 February 1851. The original part of the church is a log structure, and was apparently the first black Methodist church in Carroll County. Before its construction, blacks worshipped at Bethel, a white church in the area, and whites, especially slave holders, were opposed to the new church because they didn't want slaves associating with free blacks. The church apparently served the community of Newport, located just north of the sanctuary, which at one time was home to twenty-nine black families. J. Thomas Scharf gave the location of the town in his History of Western Maryland, but provided no other information. The church was originally part of the Baltimore Conference, but when the Washington Conference was created in 1867 for black Methodist churches, it became part of that conference. The church continues to serve the black community in southwestern Carroll County and southeastern Frederick County. The earliest churches in Carroll County were generally log, including Bethel, which was replaced by a brick structure in 1860. Most log churches have long disappeared, so the survival of such a building is significant in and of itself.

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1862 & 1877 maps Scharf, <u>History of Western Maryland</u>, p. 895 Fairview U. M. Church Anniversary, 1851-1990, June 24, 1990

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The cornerstone for Fairview Methodist Church was laid in February 1851. The church's founders included William Flanagan, Bell Cater, Jeff Carter, Tyler Murdock, and John and Dan Hammond. In addition to containing the grave of noted African American stone carver Sebastian "Boss" Hammond and his wife, Fairview's cemetery holds several Civil War veterans of the U. S. Colored Troops (USCT).

Simon Murdock (Simon Murdock House, CARR-1716) enlisted in Company F of the 4th Regiment, USCT, on August 4, 1863, in Baltimore at the age of 26, having been a farmer in the New Windsor area. He was hit in the forehead by a shell on June 15, 1864 near Petersburg and sent to Summit House General Hospital in Philadelphia. He never fully recovered, and was honorably discharged from the hospital on May 5, 1865 with a Certificate of Disability.² Murdock was active in the local New Windsor veterans' organization for African American Civil War soldiers, the Thaddeus Stevens Post of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), and was president of the Post at one time. By 1870, he had married Cecilia Murdock and was living in New Windsor, working as a farm laborer. They had nine children, seven of whom lived to adulthood, and took in many of their grandchildren. Murdock lived into his 90s, and died in April 1933.³

Isaiah Murdock was also a member of Company F of the 4th Regiment, USCT. He was born around 1836 in Carroll County and trained as a blacksmith. By 1850 he was free, working on the farm of Hanson J. English.⁴ He enlisted on August 4, 1863, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was discharged on May 4, 1866.⁵ By 1900 he was living in Linganore with his son, Simon P. Murdock, 17 years old; both were working as day laborers. He owned his own home and could read and write; his son had attended school that year.⁶ (Whether and how Tyler, Isaiah, and Simon Murdock are related is unclear.)

¹ Carroll County Genealogical Society, *Carroll County, Maryland Cemeteries, Volume 6: West-Central* (Westminster, MD: Willow Wind Books, 2000).

² U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/.

U. S. Population Census: 1900, New Windsor, Carroll County, MD.
 U. S. Population Census: 1850, District 9, Carroll County, MD.

⁵ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/. ⁶ U. S. Population Census: 1900, Linganore, Frederick County, Maryland.

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Dennis A. Pike was a member of the 5th Massachusetts Infantry. He was born around 1834, and in 1850 was living with his father, mother, and three younger siblings in Frederick County. In 1870 he was living with his wife Susannah Pike, 50, Maria Dorsey, 75, and two children; he owned a house worth \$250 and property worth \$100. In 1880 he was living in Franklin, Carroll County, with Susannah, Maria Dorsey, and Anna V. Smith, 12.

Singleton Flanigan was a Sergeant in Company C, 4th Regiment, USCT. He was born around 1831 in Carroll County and worked as a farmer. He enrolled in Baltimore on August 15, 1863, and at Petersburg received a gunshot wound to the ankle. ¹⁰ After being discharged on May 4, 1866, in Washington, DC, he worked as a merchant or laborer. ¹¹ He received support from members of the community, including Mr. Franklin and Mr. Goswell. Through 1880 he lived in Franklin with his brother Zacharias, a farmer, and Zacharias's wife Catharine. ¹² By 1900 he had moved to his own home in Franklin with his wife, Martha, 56, and stepdaughter, Vernon Dotzon, 18, and was living on his pension. ¹³ He died on September 21, 1908. ¹⁴

Isaac T. Downs, born around 1840, was a member of Company E, 30th Regiment, USCT. He enlisted on February 29, 1864, in Baltimore at the age of 23. He was wounded on July 30, 1864 in action at the "Crater" outside Petersburg, VA, and discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability on May 1865. In 1870, he was working as a porter and living in Baltimore with his mother, his wife Julia, his son Hamilton, his brother Isaac, and an African American Navy sailor and his family. By 1880, he and his wife lived in Franklin alone. 17

⁷ U. S. Population Census: 1850, District 8, Frederick County, Maryland.

⁸ U. S. Population Census: 1870, District 9, Carroll County, Maryland.

⁹ U. S. Population Census: 1880, Franklin, Carroll County, Maryland.

¹⁰ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/.

¹¹ U. S. Population Census: 1890, Franklin, Carroll County, Maryland.

¹² U. S. Population Census: 1870, District 9, Carroll County, Maryland; 1880: Franklin, Carroll County, Maryland.

¹³ U. S. Population Census: 1900, Franklin, Carroll County, Maryland.

¹⁴ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, and U.S. Colored Troops Pension Records (Application #588075 and Certificate #880583), National Archives, Washington, DC.

¹⁵ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/.

¹⁶ U. S. Population Census: 1870, Baltimore Ward 13, Baltimore (Independent City), Maryland.

¹⁷ U. S. Population Census: 1880, Franklin, Carroll County, Maryland.

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John Francis Hammond, born around 1837, was a sergeant in Company H, 4th Regiment, USCT. He enlisted in Baltimore on August 11, 1863, and mustered out of the service on May 24, 1865, at a military hospital in Pennsylvania. He died in 1937 at the age of 98 and is buried with his wife Diannah (d. 1924) and their son John C. (1876-1936). However, Hammond had remarried, to Fannie Sappington, also a widow, in 1931. Fannie petitioned the Veteran's Administration unsuccessfully from 1937 to 1945, including a letter to the President, to receive his pension benefits on the grounds that "I cared for him 12 yrs. The last 6 years I cared for him just like a baby. In fact he was an invalid Having him to feed 3 times a day" and "I need this money very badly to keep me in my reclining years." However, this attempt was disallowed on the grounds that his death was not "the result of any disability incurred during the period of his military service," and because the couple had been married fewer than ten years.

Thomas Dorsey was a member of Company F of the 4th Regiment, USCT. He was born in Frederick County around 1844 and was free before the war, working as a farmer. He enlisted on August 4, 1863, in Baltimore, and was discharged from the hospital at Fort Monroe on May 20, 1865.²¹ After the war, he worked as a domestic servant for a Westminster lawyer, Charles Reifsnider.²² He is buried with his wife Eveline (1840-1919).

Asbury Savington, born around 1839, was a member of Company K, 28th Regiment, USCT. He was drafted in Frederick on June 25, 1864, was wounded on September 30 but returned to duty by July, and was mustered out at Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 8, 1865. ²³ After the war

18 U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/.

²⁰ Letter, R.J. Hinton, to Mrs. Fannie M. Hammond, September 21, 1945, in Daniel Hammond File, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.

²¹ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, located at http://www.ancestry.com/.

²² U. S. Population Census: 1880 and 1900, Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.

¹⁹ Letter, E. L. Bailey, Director, Dependents Claims Service, to Mrs. Fanny Hammond, New Windsor, Maryland, November 29, 1940; Letter, Fannie Hammond, New Windsor, MD, to [unidentified, but previous letter in file suggests Millard E. Tydings, U.S. Senate], January 21, 1944; and Letter, Fannie Hammond, New Windsor, Carroll County, MD, to General Hines, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, DC, February 3, 1945, in Daniel Hammond File, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.

²³ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, Microfilm Roll M1824, Roll 48, National Archives, Washington, DC

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he worked as a day laborer and lived in Franklin with his wife, Angeline, their nine children, and his mother-in-law, Eliza Green. 24

Finally, Daniel Hammond was a member of Company F, 4th Regiment, USCT. He was born around 1840 in Frederick County. Free before the war, he worked as a farmer. On August 4, 1863, he enlisted in Baltimore, and was deployed to Dutch Gap, Virginia. After the war, he lived with his wife, Margaret (Mary) Hammond, first in Franklin, then in Linganore; they had 18 children, seven of whom survived to adulthood. In 1930, Hammond had been widowed and was living in Linganore alone. He owned his own home, worth \$500, and, despite never having attended school, could read and write.

²⁷ U. S. Population Census: 1930, Linganore, Frederick County, Maryland.

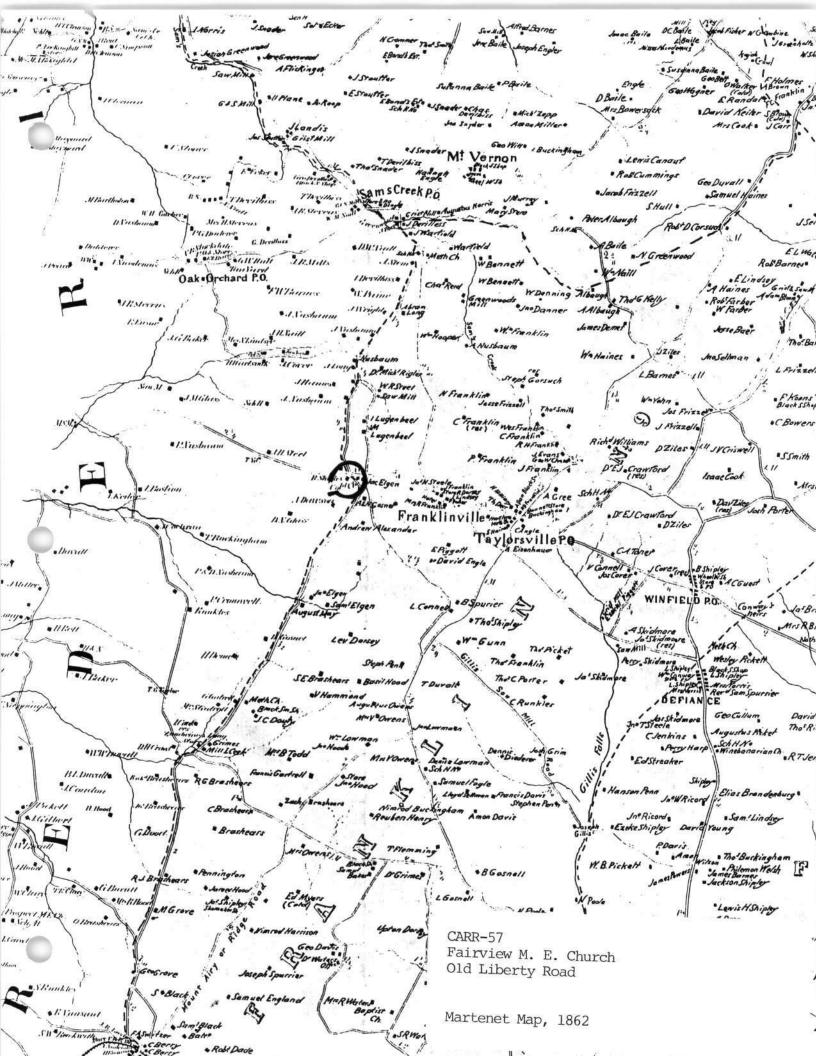
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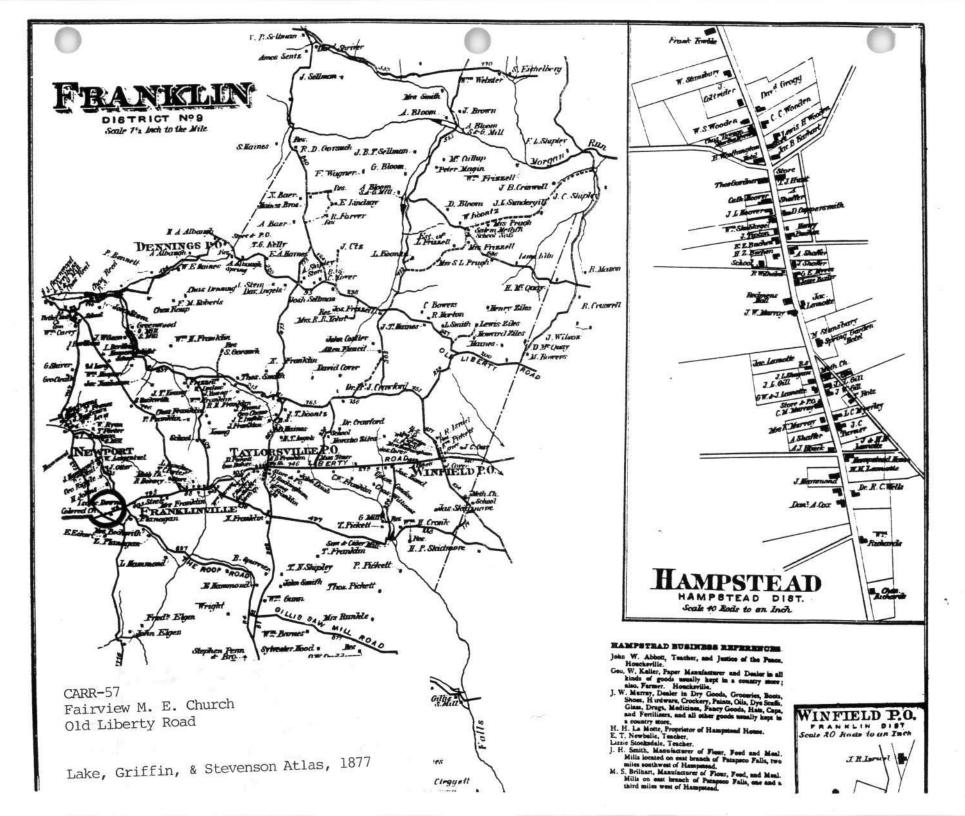
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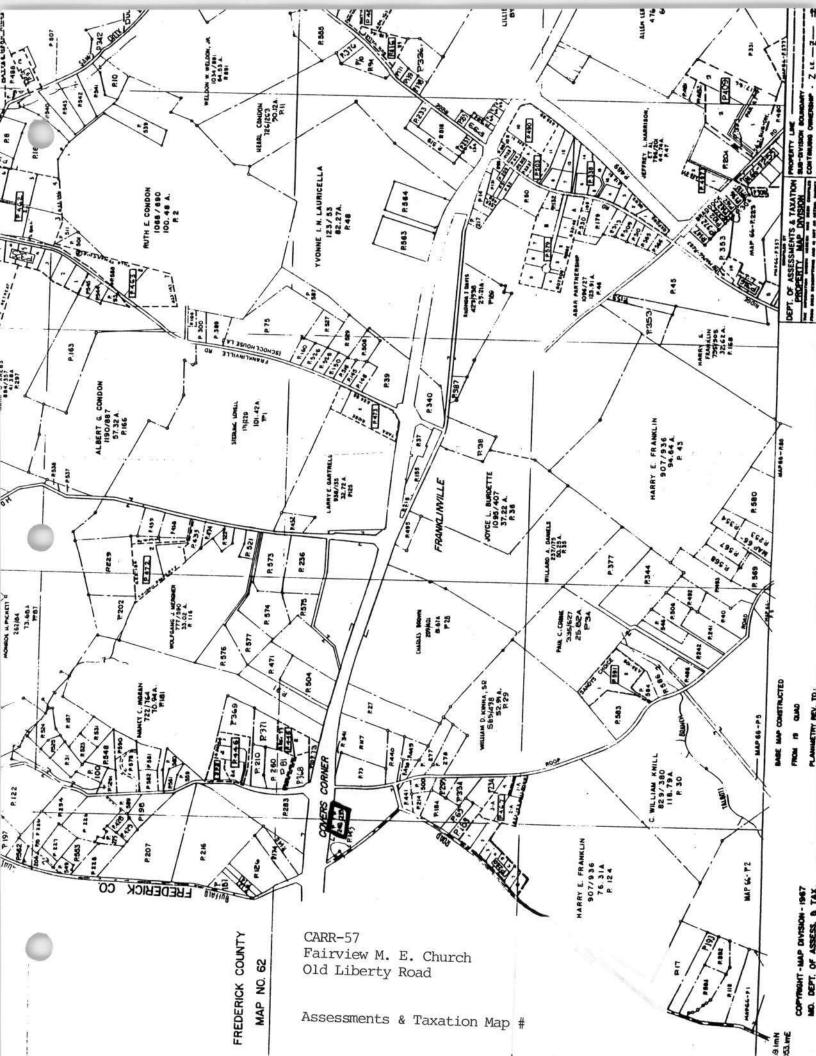
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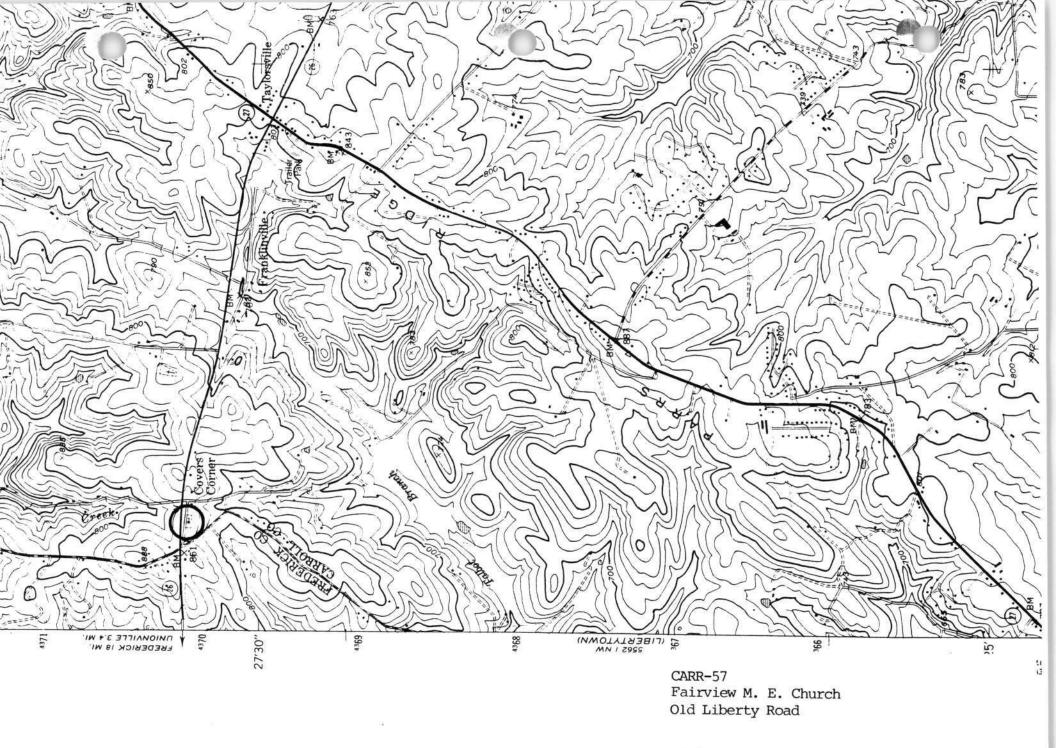
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